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1971EB

"Fall 1903"

ITALY THREATENED BY AUSTRIAN ENMITY
AND FRENCH FRIENDSHIP

George Grayson did not send in
moves for Germany, and is replaced
by Mike Gutierrez.

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Bar-Nwy; F Nrg S
F Bar-Nwy; F Nth-Den; F Lon-Nth; A
Den-Kie; F Hol S A Den-Kie; A Edi
holds.

FRANCE (Holcombe): F Lyo-Tyr; F Wes
S F Lyo-Tyr; A Ruh-Kie; A Bel-Ruh;
A Pie S ITALIAN A Ven; A Bur-Mun.

GERMANY (Gutierrez): A Kie S A Mun;
A Mun S A Kie.

ITALY (Brooks): A Ven holds; F Syr-
Smy; A Tun-Apu; F Ion C A Tun-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Tyr-
Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; A Ser S F
Gre; F Con & F Gre hold.

RUSSIA (Silverman): A Ber & A Sil S
GERMAN A Mun; F Swe-Den; F Bul
(e.c.) S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Con; A
Rum S F Bul(e.c.); A Fin-St.P; A
Mos C A Fin-St.P.

TURKEY (Hawley): F Eas-Syr; A Smy S
F Eas-Syr; A Ank S F Smy.

Underlined moves are not pos-
sible. The German A Kie and the It-
alian F Syr are dislodged and annihi-
lated. The High Combatant Powers now
control the following supply centers:
ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv,
Lon, Nwy. (7)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Bel,
Spa. (6)

GERMANY: Mun. (1)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Con, Gre, Ser,
Tri, Vie. (6)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bul, Con, Mos, Rum, Sev,
Swe, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Smy. (2)

Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Rus-
sia may each build one unit, and Tur-
key must remove one. The deadline
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1971EE

"Spring 1903"

AUSTRIANS BREAK THROUGH TO BLACK SEA

ENGLAND (Trtek): A Nwy-Edi; F Nrg C A
Nwy-Edi; F Nth-Hel; F Den S F Nth-
Hel.

FRANCE (Vest): A Spa-Tus; F Lyo C A
Spa-Tus; F Wes-Tyr; A Bur-Mar; A
Pic-Bur.

GERMANY (Tesser): A Sil-Pru; F Kie-
Den; A Mun-Bur; A Bel S A Mun-Bur;
F Hol S A Bel.

ITALY (Horton): A Pie-Mar; A Tun-Rom;
F Tyr C A Tun-Rom; F Ion S F Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Edeiken): A Vie-Gal
[sic; no such unit exists]; A Gal-
Sil; A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum;
F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Tri not ordered,
holds.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): F Swe-Bal; A War-
Pru; A Mos-War; A Ukr S A Mos-War;
A Sev-Rum; F Rum-Sla.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Bul S RUSSIAN F
Rum; A Con S A Bul; F Aeg holds; F
Eas S F Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The French A Bur is dislodged and must
retreat to Ruh, Par, Gas, or be anni-
hilated. Chuck Vest should report the
disposition of this unit to the Games-
master as quickly as possible, and he
will inform the other players. The
deadline for "Fall 1903" moves, which
may be made conditional on the direc-
tion of the French retreat, is NOON,
SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1972. Press releas-
es are on p. 20.

1972A

"Winter 1902"

ENGLAND (Alfenito): Builds F Lon.

FRANCE (Powell): Removes A Ruh.

GERMANY (Huddleston): Builds F Kie,
A Mun.

ITALY (Tretick): Builds A Ven, F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): Removes F Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1903"

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1970EN

"Fall
1911"

RUSSIANS INVADE ENGLAND!

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Edi S F Nth; F Nth S F Edi.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): No moves received. F-Wes, A Pic, & A Bur hold; A Mar dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Model): F Tun S FRENCH F Wes.RUSSIA (Buchanan): F NAT-Liv; F Bar-Nrg; F Nwy-Nth; F Ska & F Den S F Nwy-Nth; A Fin-Nwy; F Bal-Kie; A Hol & A Ruh S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol; A Mun-Bur; A Gal & F Aeg hold; F Tyr S TURKISH F Ion-Tun.

TURKEY (Barents): A Smy-Syr; A Pie-Mar; A Tus-Pie; A Ven S A Tus-Pie; F Rom-Tus; F Nap S RUSSIAN F Tyr; F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Ion; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; F Con-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Tun-NAf but, since Italy loses its last supply center, this unit is removed. England must retreat F Nth-Hel, -Eng, -Yor, or -Lon; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1911" builds, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon. (2)

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Bud, Den, Hol, Kie, Liv, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe,

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por, Spa. (4) Vie, War. (16)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven. (12)
Russia and Turkey may each build two units, and France may build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1972.

1972E

"Fall 1902"

RUSSIANS FORCED BACK IN BALKANS

Don McCormick failed to send in moves for France. He is accordingly replaced by Elliot Lipson.

ENGLAND (Abbott): A Nwy-St.P; F Nth-Nwy; F Eng-Bre; F Nat-Nrg; F Mid S
FRENCH F Por-Spa.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Pic-Bre; A Par S A Pic-Bre; F Por S ITALIAN F Wes-Spa
(s.c.).

GERMANY (Fong): F Bel-Pic; A Ruh-Bel; A Mun-Ruh; A Kie-Mun.

ITALY (Strayer): A Pic-Mar; A Ven holds; F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Bud-Gal; A Vie S A Bud-Gal; A Ser S TURKISH
A Rum; F Alb-Tri.

RUSSIA (Malone): F Bul(e.c.)-Rum; A Gal S F Bul(e.c.)-Rum; A Ukr S F Bul
(e.c.)-Rum; A Mos-Sev; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Bla-Bul(e.c.); F Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Rum S AUS-
TRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Gal; F Sev holds; A Arm S F Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Gal-War by pre-arrangement, and the Russian F Bul(e.c.) is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Len, Nwy, St.P. ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (6)
(5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri,

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por. (3) Vie. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, RUSSIA: Mos, Swe, War. (3)

Mun. (6) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (6)

Germany and Italy may each build two new units, and Turkey and Austria-Hungary may each build one. (Italy could build 3 units if 3 home supply centers were open.) Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1972.

1972G

"Fall 1902"

RUSSIAN STEAMROLLER ON THE MOVE

In GRAUSTARK #261, the English moves "A Edi-Den, F Nth C A Edi-Den" should have been underlined as impossible, as a look at the situation in Denmark makes clear. The French unit in Spain is an army.

ENGLAND (Lipton): A Edi-Bre; F Nth & F Eng C A Edi-Bre; F Nwy S F Nth.

FRANCE (Underwood): A Spa S A Mar; A Mar S A Spa; F Pic holds.

GERMANY (De Jonghe): A Bur-Par; A Mun-Bur; A Bel S A Mun-Bur; F Hol-Nth;
A Den holds.

ITALY (Devereaux): A Tyr S RUSSIAN A Gal-Vie; A Ven-Tri; F Gre-Bul(s.c.);
F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hunt): No moves received. A Alb holds; F Tri & A Vie
dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): F Bar-Nrg; A St.P-Nwy; F Swe S A St.P-Nwy; A Gal-Vie;
A Bud S ITALIAN A Ven-Tri; A Rum S ITALIAN F Gre-Bul(s.c.); F Con S
ITALIAN F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

TURKEY (Blandin): F Aeg-Gre; F Bul(s.c.) S F Aeg-Gre; A Ser S F Aeg-Gre;
A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Bul(s.c.) is dislodged and may be retreated to Aeg or annihilated. The English F Nwy is dislodged and may be retreated to Ska or Bar, or annihilated. The disposition of these units are to be sent in as quickly as possible, and the Gamesmaster will inform the other players. "Winter 1902" builds may be

made conditional on the direction of these retreats. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon. (4) ITALY: Bul, Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (6)
 FRANCE: Mar, Por, Spa. (3) RUSSIA: Bud, Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P,
 GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (10)
 Mun, Par. (7) TURKEY: Ank, Gre, Ser, Smy. (4)

Russia may build three new units, and Germany and Italy may each build two, Austria-Hungary has lost all its supply centers, and accordingly its A Alb is removed. The deadline for "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1972.

1971EC

"Spring 1903"

GERMANY, RUSSIA ATTACK AUSTRIA

George Grayson failed to send in moves for France. He is accordingly replaced by Steve Nozik.

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Por; F Bar-Nwy; A Swe S F Bar-Nwy; F Nth S GERMAN F Bel-Eng.

FRANCE (Nozik): F Bre-Mid; A Pic-Bre; A Gas S A Pic-Bre; A Mar S A Bur; A Bur not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Berman): F Bel-Eng; A Hol-Bel; A Ruh S A Hol-Bel; A Mun-Boh; A Tyr-Vie; A Kie-Mun.

ITALY (Warden): F Eas-Aeg; A Smy-Con; A Ven holds; F Ion S F Eas-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fox): A Tri & F Gre hold; A Bud S A Tri; A Gal-Vie; A Ser S F Gre.

RUSSIA (Barents): F St.P(n.c.) hold; A Ukr-Gal; A War S A Ukr-Gal; A Rum-Bud; F Bla S TURKISH A Con.

TURKEY (Willner): No moves received. A Bul, A Con, & F Ank hold.

Underlined moves are impossible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Gal-Sil. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, Swe. (6) ITALY: Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven. (5)
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa. (4) Vie. (5)
 GERMANY: Ber, Bel, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6) RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con. (3)

England and Italy may each build one unit, and France must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1972. Press releases begin on p. 13.

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for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1972.

MUNICH (29 March 1903): NEW GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMED: revolution set up the new government under MIKUS the GENTLE. MIKUS SAID "All negotiations previously held will stay in effect since the new head has no information about them."

(Earlier press releases appear on p. 14)

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moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 APRIL 1972. Buddy Tretick announces a change of address; see p. 18 for details. Joseph Alfenito asks that his press releases, submitted for the last issue, be ignored. Unfortunately, they had already been printed, as I prepare as much of each issue in advance as possible. Press releases begin on p. 14.

HAVE YOU BEEN WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO 1971BG? See p. 19 for such details as are presently available.

THE AMERICAN MISHIMA

In November 1970 a crazy Japanese writer variously known as Mishima and Hiraoka shocked his countrymen by storming into an army office with a gang of other fanatics, holding a general captive, haranguing a number of soldiers about Emperor worship and military glory, and finally killing himself by an ancient ritual method of suicide. It seems that Mishima/Hiraoka had been insisting for years that Japan ought to restore her ancient martial glory.

At about the same time that Mishima was carving out his own intestines, American conservative circles were buzzing about an article that had appeared in the National Review of 17 November 1970. This article, by a certain Charles Benson, was entitled "Should We Ditch Israel?", and it urged that America leap into the Middle East with both feet forward. Benson proposed the United States invade and conquer the thinly populated Republic of Libya, and use it as a base from which to support Israel and, at need, attack the Soviet Union and any Arab nations that might object to this situation.

The letter columns of the Buckley family fanzine filled up with comment. A few people had doubts about the morality of Benson's proposal; more approved it but doubted that the US would be likely to take such a step. One writer approved of Benson's notion in principle, but suggested that the Sinai Peninsula might serve our turn better than Libya. Commenting upon all these letters, Benson said: "Most of the political dissatisfaction in America is not attributable to war itself, but to the lack of victories." (National Review, 12 January 1971) He said that his plan was dictated by "loyalty to the United States".

On 9 March 1971 the same magazine published another Benson article, this one entitled "Deterrence through Defense". Despite the fact that the United States and the Soviet Union can already wipe out each other's populations several times over, Benson complained that the US does not have enough ballistic missiles. The Department of Defense reprinted this article as a pamphlet on taxpayers' money, since it fits right in with their annual appropriation-pulling fraud about an alleged "missile gap". The fact of the matter is that the US presently has 7,000 nuclear warheads in western Europe and is steadily building more. There are now at least 1,000 Minuteman-III missiles in the US arsenal, each of which is equipped with 3 independently targetable warheads. Furthermore, each of 500 B-52's is equipped with up to 24 fusion-warhead missiles. (Tom Foley, New York Daily World, 23 February 1972)

Incredibly, Benson was touted by National Review as a prodigy of brilliance - physicist, political scientist, poet, composer, and writer. These terms, and his writings, put one in mind of Homer Lea (1876-1912), also a Californian, also a genius who early showed his promise, also a man who hid a raving mania for war behind a façade of coldly rational argument about balance of power and the national psychology.

Benson, it seemed, was not willing to fit his brilliant self into anybody's pigeon-hole, and took a job as a newsboy so he could be free to write without wasting his precious intellectual energy on his job. And it was while making his collections that he was shot dead on Christmas Eve, 1971.

Buckley, of course, went into paroxysms of eulogy. He hinted darkly that this brilliant young man was cut down not by a thief but by sinister forces out to dim the light he was shedding on American policy. This overlooks the fact that if anyone really was going around hunting down war queers, he would start in the Pentagon and not with a Los Angeles newsboy.

(Buckley's previous excursion into the topic of murder, from the criminal's rather than the victim's view, was equally ill-fated. For years he has insisted that one Edgar Smith, an inhabitant of New Jersey's Death Row, was innocent of the murder of a 15-year-old girl. At last, thanks to Smith's campaign and Buckley's backing, Smith got a new trial. He promptly pleaded guilty...and was let go, sentenced to time served. Personally I incline to the view that Smith killed Benson, thus neatly tying together Buckley's two favorite murder cases.)

It is a neat wrap-up of the differences between Japan and the United States, that while Yukio Mishima committed suicide, his American opposite number was murdered.

FOUR. APPROPRIATE FABLES

by Ambrose Bierce (1842-1913)

A Treaty of Peace

Through massacres of each other's citizens China and the United States had been four times plunged into devastating wars, when, in the year 1994, arose a Philosopher in Madagascar, who laid before the Governments of the two distracted countries the following modus vivendi:

Massacres are to be sternly forbidden as heretofore; but any citizen or subject of either country disobeying the injunction is to detach the scalps of all persons massacred and deposit them with a local officer designated to receive and preserve them and sworn to keep and render a true account thereof. At the conclusion of each massacre in either country, or as soon thereafter as practicable, or at stated regular periods, as may be provided by treaty, there shall be an exchange of scalps between the two Governments, scalp for scalp, without regard to sex or age; the Government having the greatest number is to be taxed on the excess at the rate of \$1000 a scalp, and the other Government credited with the amount. Once in every decade there shall be a general settlement, when the balance due shall be paid to the creditor nation in Mexican dollars.

The plan was adopted, the necessary treaty made, with legislation to carry out its provisions; the Madagascarene Philosopher took his seat in the Temple of Immortality, and Peace spread her white wings over the two nations, to the unspeakable defiling of her plumage.

The Wolf and the Lion

An Indian who had been driven out of a fertile valley by a White Settler, said:

"Now that you have robbed me of my land, there is nothing for me to do but issue invitations to a war-dance."

"I don't so much mind your dancing," said the White Settler, putting a fresh cartridge into his rifle, "but if you attempt to make me dance you will become a good Indian lamented by all who didn't know you. How did you get this land, anyhow?"

The Indian's claim was compromised for a plug hat and a tin horn.

Philosophers Three

A Bear, a Fox, and an Opossum were attacked by an inundation.

"Death loves a coward," said the Bear, and went forward to fight the flood.

"What a fool!" said the Fox. "I know a trick worth two of that." And he slipped into a hollow stump.

"There are malevolent forces," said the Opossum, "which the wise will neither confront nor avoid. The thing is to know the nature of your antagonist."

So saying the Opossum lay down and pretended to be dead.

The Citizen and the Snakes

A Public-spirited Citizen who had failed miserably in trying to secure a National political convention for his city suffered acutely from dejection. While in that frame of mind he leaned thoughtlessly against a druggist's show-window, wherein were one hundred and fifty kinds of assorted snakes. The glass breaking, the reptiles all escaped into the street.

"When you can't do what you wish," said the Public-spirited Citizen, "it is worth while to do what you can."

WARPED DIPLOMACY

by Robert Bryan Lipton

On Sunday, March 5, the weekly Woodmere Academy Royal Phumphan, Punning & Playing Superghost Society met at the house of Kevin Kenry. For a change, there were enough people for all positions, and the game was uniformly well played.

Players	Supply Center Chart										This is	
E - Michael Friedman (out 1903)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07			O	At
F - Jonathan Frank											P	Great
G - Joshua Pines	E	3	4	3							E	Intervals
I - Kevin Kenry (res 1906)	F	3	5	6	8	8	8*	9	7		R	This
Michael Friedman	G	3	5	5	7	7	7	7	7		A	Appears
A - Robert Bryan Lipton	I	3	4	4	4	5	4	2	1		T	To
(declared winner 1908)	A	3	6	6	7	8	9	10	12		I	Inflame
R - Michael Eitengon (out 1906)	R	4	5	7	5	2					O	Optic
T - Larry Weinstein (res 1903)	T	3	4	3	3	4	4	6	6		N	Nerves
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The Game started out with a Russo-Austro-Italian alliance against Turkey in the South, and a Franco-Germano-Russian alliance against England in the North. For the first three years, there was a fight for control of the North Sea. It ended when French forces landed in Edinburgh and also threatened London. Realizing his condition, England attempted to break out, retreat, and set up a government in exile. He failed, and perished.

In the South, the Austrians were able to gain complete control of the Balkans by the end of the first year. The Turks, however, were not as quiet as had been expected. A Russian non-aggression policy was violated in the first move, and Sevastopol was occupied in the Fall of '01. The next year, however, Russian forces cleared their borders, although the Turks maintained control of the Black Sea.

In 1903, however, Larry Weinstein was forced to resign as Turkey, his position being taken by John Boardman. After mild attacks, a southern alliance was called, Italy moving off to control the west Mediterranean, while Austria and Turkey fought Russia. A new player, forced to divide himself on two fronts, Russia was quickly overwhelmed by a simultaneous attack on the North and South.

With Russia gone, the two alliances concentrated their attacks on Italy. While the Austrians stabilized their Russian fronts, they conducted a land attack on Italy, while Turkey took control of the waters.

The turning point came in 1907. Austria and Turkey were near the minimal stalemate points in all but the Tyrolian area. Germany had left his St. Pete area, and his southern German area, insufficiently defended. While occupation of Italy was concluded, and the Italian government in exile in Marseilles was supported, Austrian forces broke through to Munich, taking Silesia in the process. While fighting for control of the Mid Atlantic was proceeding between Turkey and France, Berlin was grabbed by Austria, and Livonia occupied. Neither St. Petersburg nor Germany could be defended, and France could only keep Turkey out of the Mid-Atlantic for another year, at the most. Austria, controlling thirteen supply centers, and certain to take another the same year, was unanimously declared the winner.

((This group considers the "Winter" moves for a particular year to be the season of builds and removals preceding, rather than following, that year. This usage is followed in the above player roster, though the supply center chart has been adjusted to agree with the GRAUSTARK usage.

((Personally I found this a very enjoyable game, and was impressed by Lipton's ability as a negotiator. Incidental to the game was a continuing stream of puns and other jokes, including this one told by a player whose name slips my mind at this late date:

"How do you tell a male chromosome from a female chromosome?"

"Pull down its genes."

-J. B.))

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

On 13 March 1972 an English geologist named Runcorne gave a lecture at Brooklyn College on the continental drift theory. This long-scorned idea has at last come into its own now that subterranean forces sufficient to move the continents around have been discovered, and geomagnetic evidence accumulated.

One of Prof. Runcorne's slides showed the North Atlantic region as it was about 200 million years ago. The Newfoundland Banks then fitted into the Bay of Biscay, and the British Isles jutted between Newfoundland, the Labrador, and Greenland. Runcorne ran his finger down the line of the ultimate break between these two land masses, showing how they separated and drifted apart.

"It would have eliminated a great deal of trouble," he observed, "if the break had gone this way." And he indicated a line separating England from Ireland.

This got a good laugh, but on reflection would it really have been such a good idea? The Canadian government is already having enough trouble with the Quebecois nationalists. Would we want to stick them with the Irish as well?

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What American newspapers have the best reputation as independent critics of the government, as fearless reporters of the news, as guardians of the public's right to know? Most people would answer, "The New York Times and the Washington Post."

Well, here is what those fighters for intellectual independence have said about the Vietnam War:

"Nothing is more vital than for Hanoi to be left in no doubts about the American intention to remain in the Tonkin Gulf and to continue supporting South Vietnam's military effort." - New York Times

"There is no substance in Senator Morse's charge that the resolution amounts to a 'pre-dated declaration of war'... Congress ought to be very pleased with the now firm establishment of this mechanism for meeting an emergency with a united front. Reliance solely upon the power of Congress to declare war as a last resort would not be appropriate." - Washington Post

As back files of these papers are not to be found at every library, the reader can most easily verify these quotes from the Congressional Record, Vol. 110, Part 14, pp. 18464 & 18550.

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"Scarsdale schools want to bus some children from the slightly crowded Edgewood school two miles to the slightly under-crowded Fox Meadow School. Edgewood is in a middle-class neighborhood, but is considered slightly better academically than Fox Meadow, which is in an upper-middle-class neighborhood. Last week Edgewood mothers were circulating a petition against the busing plan. Both schools are all-white." - Village Voice, 9 March 1972

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In the 18th century, satirists like Voltaire and Franklin flayed mercilessly the institution of monarchy. They were often helped in their efforts by particularly idiotic actions performed by the absolute monarchs of their day.

Today electoral politics are laying themselves open to the same kind of treatment. Voltaire's *Candide* dropped in at the Venice Fair and met six deposed kings traveling incognito. A modern *Candide* could visit a World's Fair and find as many or more "democratically elected" political leaders, also in exile. (The names of Kanellopoulos, Balaguer, Goulart, Sihanouk, and Kittikachorn spring to mind.)

The "presidential primaries" are America's chief contribution to this self-satirizing nonsense. But a suggestion recently made by the Rev. James Bevel is about to take the lead. Bevel, formerly an aid to Dr. King, has proposed a presidential ticket of George Wallace for President and Shirley Chisholm for Vice-President. (New York Post, 3 March 1972)

Unlike the satirist who last year proposed a Manson-Calley ticket, Bevel is perfectly serious. He says, correctly (for all good satire must have an element of truth) "Two of the most outspoken, forthright people in this country are George Wallace and Shirley Chisholm."

Nothing has yet been heard from either of these oddly assorted running mates. At the present point in the campaign, I am predicting precisely nothing about this ticket's chances of being assembled, or, once assembled, of winning.

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"The nations were invited to draw a circle.

"The American appeared with a circle-drawing machine, the biggest in the world; the Englishman drew an almost perfect circle free-hand; the Frenchman made a richly adorned oval; the Austrian said, 'G'wan, we're not gonna bother,' and traced the Englishman's circle; the German came up with a polygon of 1096 sides which looked like a circle but wasn't one." - Kurt Tucholsky

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The anthem of the British Labour Party, "The Red Flag", is known far beyond its native island, though Americans would better recognize the tune as "Maryland, My Maryland", and Germans as "Tannenbaum". The Tories really have no song quite as forthright and inspiring, so the Tory weekly Spectator invited its readers to compose one. Roger Woddis won £4 (\$10.40) with this entry, printed in the issue of 6 November 1971:

The Tory flag is black as night,
With skull and crossbones painted white,
And though the seas look rough ahead,
We'll put our trust in Captain Ted.

CHORUS

A man may be a dismal freak
To work for fifteen pounds a week,
But if he asks for higher pay,
We'll simply take his rights away.

CHORUS: Then raise the pirate standard high,
The Welfare State is all my eye,
While life is cheap and goods are dear,
We'll feather-bed the profiteer.

CHORUS

To reach our economic goal
We need two million on the dole,
And when we join the EEC
We hope to push it up to three.

With hearts of granite swear we all
To send the weakest to the wall,
And using gloves of softest silk
We'll rob the children of their milk.

CHORUS

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Players are notified that in the event of a postal strike, all game deadlines will be re-set for the third Saturday after the end of the strike.

The United States Postal Service expects to raise rates sometime this spring, and never mind the "price freeze". First class surface rates will be 9¢ an ounce, and air mail rates 12¢ an ounce. The USPS has already announced plans for a new 7¢ stamp, a denomination not currently in use. This will undoubtedly be the new postcard rate. (New York Daily News, 5 October 1971) GRAUSTARK subscription rates will rise when USPS rates do.

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Kenneth B. Clark is one of the few people in these cynical times for whom I have much respect, but he really blew it last fall with his suggestion "that scientists be mobilized to develop a peace pill that 'all power-controlling leaders' would be required to take". (New York Times, 12 September 1971). Such a pill would calm down their ego drives and, according to Dr. Clark's report to a convention of the American Psychological Association, "would provide the masses of human beings with the security that their leaders would not or could not sacrifice them on the altars of their personal ego pathos, vulnerability, and instability."

Well, we know how all this would work out in practice. Instead of taking these pills themselves, our rulers would require us to take them so that we could not endanger their possession of power. This is already being done in the forcible administration of tranquilizing drugs to "disruptive" and "hyper-active" school children.

Almost 50 years ago, the Russian emigrant Yevgeni Zamyatin wrote a kakotopian novel We, from which George Orwell later plagiarized his 1984. At the end of that book, all citizens are required to undergo an operation to remove a bothersome facility which the most common translation calls "fancy" but which should better be rendered "imagination". If such drugs as Dr. Clark advocates are ever used, we can be sure that they will be forced upon the ruled and not the rulers, and that they will be aimed at just this facility.

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The "Women's Liberation" movement is one of the neatest ploys that the opponents of political dissent have ever divided their opposition with. In one stroke half the potential membership of any liberal or radical movement is diverted into quite different acti-

vities, much less dangerous to the existing structure of economic and political power.

This interpretation of the "movement" is perhaps best supported by the activities of the writer Gloria Steinem. She is now active in "Women's Lib", but she is also an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency. This fact was revealed in the New York Times of 2 February 1967, when she was interviewed about the connections between the CIA and the Independent Research Service, which she headed. In 1959, with the World Youth Festival coming up in Vienna, she acted as a transmission belt for CIA funds to promote red-baiting by American participants.

I attended that festival, and I can report that while the CIA's efforts failed, it was not for lack of trying. The CIA plants kept much of the US delegation tied down in private bickering, rather than participating in the festival. One of them objected to the presentation of the old American miners' folksong "Dark as a Dungeon", feeling that it presented a bad image of the American mining industry.

The anti-Communism industry is in a slump right now, but more subtle approaches such as "Women's Lib" can be equally effective in diverting American dissent away from its real targets.

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Another popular diversion is the "Ecology Movement". People who have given up on getting human corpses out of the Mekong seem willing to settle for getting industrial wastes out of the Hudson. There has even been founded a "College of Ecology" at Kirkland Hall in Maryland. Last September this college held a fund-raising event, co-hosted by Barry Goldwater and Hubert Humphrey. Fund-raising was chiefly accomplished by auctioning off President Kennedy's White House limousine - so much for the general accusation against automobiles as polluters! (Jack Anderson, New York Post, 11 September 1971)

Such a rallying cry will keep people from asking just what Goldwater's and Humphrey's roles in promoting war have been. We may shortly expect a report that air pollution was the cause of all those people dying at Mylai.

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Few things affright the establishment as the development of an anti-war movement within the army itself. Last year this crisis came to the 615th Military Police Company, stationed at the Saigon suburb of Longbinh. Andy, the young bloodhound mascot of the 615th, flatly refused to take the sentry-dog training course. He went over the hill a couple of times, and failed to sniff out soldiers' marijuana supplies.

"So what was Andy's reward? They made him an honorary captain, perhaps on the theory that captains do not have to work." - New York Post, 8 September 1971

Of course, the US army is not the only one faced with that problem. Admiral Armando Reboledo e Silva of Portugal has just accused the Bishop of Oporto of having "unjustly and wrongly treated" the country's armed forces by delivering a "homily on peace" in Oporto Cathedral on New Year's Day. (New York Times, 9 March 1972)

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Some readers have doubted that there actually exists a United States law partitioning the Soviet Union. It does sound preposterous, but it is on the law-books. It was passed in 1959, and is technically known as "Public Law 86-90".

Most people would undoubtedly like to see it decently buried. But its proponents are still making a whoop and holler about it each year on the anniversary of its passage, in mid-July. As for the means by which this is to be done, "Let us look to our weaponry," says the strongly pro-partition New York Daily News. (editorial, 18 July 1971)

Keep an eye open for such statements in the pro-war press this July.

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Previous issues of GRAUSTARK have carried comments on whether war toys damage children. Quite the opposite is the concern of the growing number of model soldier hobbyists, who "shudder at the thought of what might befall a delicately cast trooper in the hands of a child". (New York Post, 17 November 1971) American manufacturers are reportedly getting into this profitable market, hitherto dominated by French and British colleagues.

War games based on model toy soldiers go back to H. G. Wells' classic Floor Games and Little Wars, which have recently been reprinted. John Mansfield's Signal contains information about these models, as do several other "military miniatures" fanzines. For details about some of these games, see the report on Gary Gyax's booklet Chainmail: Rules for Medieval Miniatures in PRISCVS ORDO SECLORVM #IX.

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With this issue of GRAUSTARK you should also be receiving PRISCVS ORDO SECLORVM #IX, the last issue of this flier. In it appears a brief review of Chainmail: Rules for Medieval Miniatures by Diplomacy fan Gary Gygax. At the time this review went to press I did not have available the address of the place where this booklet may be bought. Now I have; this discussion of medieval-type war-gaming is to be obtained from Lowry's Hobbies, P. O. Box 1123, Evansville, Indiana 47713. Inquire there also as to its price.

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Also enclosed is a petition which two GRAUSTARK players have planned as an appeal to the United States government not to turn our backs on space. In the next few years the outer planets will be in a rare alignment, one which will make possible their investigation by one or two unmanned probes visiting each in succession. This plan, called "The Grand Tour", has been the subject of enthusiastic anticipations by scientists for many years. But, as part of its general cutback on scientific research, NASA has recently cancelled this plan. An opportunity which will not recur for hundreds of years is being lost because at this crucial time the federal government is strangling the research budget.

Michael Honig (101-11 Avenue M, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11236) and Gary Tesser (2455 Haring St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11235), both students at Brooklyn College, are now trying to get the Grand Tour reinstated by a petition campaign. Please sign the enclosed petition and return it to them; they will see that it is passed on to NASA and other appropriate persons and agencies.

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About 15 years ago historians and archaeologists were startled with the idea that classical Greek and Hebrew civilizations had a common ancestor out of which both grew: a Semitic-speaking trading culture which extended its influence from the Tigris-Euphrates country to Egypt and the Aegean. Like all great discoveries, it was obvious once stated, and people then wondered how the many parallels between the Homeric epics and the Torah could have been overlooked for so long.

One of the best expositions of this discovery is provided by Cyrus H. Gordon in his 1962 book Before the Bible: The Common Background of Greek and Hebrew Civilizations. He relates the staggering discovery that Minoan Linear A, the script found on many late 2nd millennium inscriptions in Crete, was actually an early dialect of Hebrew. But some scholarly early playfulness has also crept into his work. He quotes from a fragment of the Anath Cycle, an epic of the Semitic war-goddess Anath (see Judges 3:31) found in the ruins of the cosmopolitan Phoenician city Ugarit:

"She fights violently --

Slays the sons of the two cities.

She hurls chairs at the soldiers,

Hurling tables at the armies,

Footstools at the troops."

"Brawl tactics, specifically the throwing of furniture, are famous from Odysseus' battle against the suitors in his halls at Ithaca. In Psalm 23, "Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of mine enemies," may mean that God provides His own with ammunition."

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"The South has always bused children great distances to achieve a racial pattern. The pattern was total segregation. Its purpose was to insure that from one third to three fourths of its population, that part which was black, would never get the education which would make them economically competitive. It worked." -- Mary E. Mebane, New York Times, 15 March 1972

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"The city of Washington has made up for the loss of its baseball team by gaining a pair of pandas -- not a bad exchange considering that pandas are rare and highly prized while the Senators finished the season in next to last place." -- editorial (1), New York Times, 15 March 1972

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Rejoice!!! There will be no further presidential primaries for more than two weeks.

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Paul J. Wood and John van de Graaf (24613 Harmon Ct., St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48031) have begun a new postal Diplomacy bulletin, Yggdrasil Chronicle. The subscription rate is 17 issues (one year) for \$2. Game entry is, in addition to subscription, a game fee of \$1. (Half of this is refunded if you finish the game.) YC is guaranteed by Michigan Organized Wargamers, for which write to Herb Barents, 157 State St., Zeeland, Mich. 49464.

HIERARCHY GAMES: JUNGLE AND STRATEGO

Numerous games operate on a hierarchial principle, where the pieces have a certain definite rank and the higher always takes the lower. Card games are perhaps the most familiar of this class: bridge, hearts, pinochle and their kindred all involve a hierarchy of card rank, sometimes with trumps imposed on this as a hierarchy of suit.

This is less common with board games. Usually, on the contrary, hierarchy is ignored and the attacker wins, even if it is a Pawn taking a Queen. But two popular and playable board games are based on this principle: Jungle and Stratego. The latter is clearly derived from the former. And both add an extra twist to this principle: the piece at the bottom of the hierarchy can under certain conditions take the piece at the top.

Jungle, whose rules were distributed through board game fandom a few years ago by Donald L. Miller, comes from ancient China. The pieces are animals; each side has an Elephant, a Lion, a Tiger, a Panther, a Dog, a Fox, a Cat, and a Rat. (Miller's rulesheet uses "Wolf" rather than "Fox", but since the piece ranks between a Dog and a Cat I feel that his source used a mis-translation.)

The board has 9 ranks and 7 files. (Files run from one player to the other, while ranks are perpendicular to them. In the usual representation files are vertical rows of squares, and ranks are horizontal.) In describing Jungle and Stratego the algebraic notation will be used: ranks will be indicated by numbers and files by letters. The Jungle board contains two rivers: the squares b4, b5, b6, c4, c5, c6, e4, e5, e6, f4, f5, and f6. Only the Rat can enter these, and only the Lion and the Tiger can jump over them.

The initial placing of the pieces is given in the chart to the right. Each side has a Den; the Red Den is at d1 and is surrounded by Traps at c1, d2, and e1, while the Blue Den is at d9 and is surrounded by Traps at c9, d8, and e9.

All pieces move one square orthogonally on land. The Rat may in addition move one square orthogonally in a river. The Lion or the Tiger may jump orthogonally across the river if the Rat is not in the line of jump and if the square on which it lands is not occupied. There is no diagonal motion except as a variation by mutual agreement. A player may not move into his own Den.

	Red	Blue
Elephant	a3	g7
Lion	g1	a9
Tiger	a1	g9
Panther	e3	c7
Dog	f2	b8
Fox	c3	e7
Cat	b2	f8
Rat	g3	a7

The object of the game is to get a piece into the opponent's Den. The Traps complicate this process, since any piece is powerless when on an opponent's Trap, and may be captured there by any enemy piece.

Aside from this, capture is along hierarchial lines. Any animal can move onto the space of a lesser animal and remove it from the board. And the Rat may take the Elephant, except by moving on him from the river.

The popular modern game Stratego is obviously derived from Jungle. The sides are Red and Blue, the board has two bodies of water which may not be entered, and traps can be placed around the target. However, Stratego is more flexible than Jungle, because the players are unaware of the location of each other's pieces.

Stratego is played on a 10x10 board with lakes at c5, c6, d5, d6, g5, g6, h5, and h6. (The tenth rank will be indicated by the numeral "0".) Each player has 40 pieces: one Marshal, one General, two Colonels, three Majors, four Captains, four Lieutenants, four Sergeants, five Miners, eight Scouts, a Spy, six Bombs, and a Flag. These are flat pieces which are marked only on one side. Each player sets up his pieces on the four ranks nearest himself so that he can see the marked sides, and his opponent sees only a blank array of 40 red or blue pieces.

Pieces move one step orthogonally, as in Jungle, except that no one may enter or jump across water, and the Scouts may take longer moves. A Scout may go as far as he can in an orthogonal direction, but may not land on an occupied space at the end of one of these long runs. Naturally, this action reveals the piece to your opponent as a Scout, but since Scouts are expendable pieces used for probing operations this shouldn't make too much difference.

To identify your opponent's pieces, you Strike it with one of your own from a square orthogonally adjacent. When a Strike is called, both players expose the involved pieces to each other, and the piece of higher rank moves to the square previously occupied by the

lower. If the pieces prove to be of equal rank, both are removed from the board.

The hierarchical exception is the Spy, who loses to any other piece but may, if he Strikes first, capture the Marshal. If the Struck piece proves to be a Bomb, then the Striking piece is removed unless he is a Miner. The Bomb remains in place after each Strike by a piece other than a Miner. The Bombs and the Flag may not be moved once play begins. Since the game is won by the first person to capture his opponent's Flag, it is expedient to surround the Flag with Bombs.

I have found it useful to place a Colonel or a Major and two or three Scouts in the forefront at the three passages through which the enemy may be attacked. A high officer and a Scout go forward together, the Scout probing and the Colonel or Major attacking any piece proven by the Scout's Strike to be of lesser rank. The Marshal and the General are in reserve in the second rank from the front, one on each side. The Spy is next to the General, so he can remove the only enemy piece capable of capturing the General. The Flag usually goes into the back row, surrounded orthogonally by Bombs. Other Bombs are placed as decoys with Sergeants behind them, so that the Miners that explode them may be captured. One Miner is close to the front for action against front-line Bombs of the enemy, but the others are placed in reserve in the rear since Miners must be guarded against the need of them in the end-game. Scouts are to trade for information.

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW (GOLLY): The Dutch Boy is once again taking on foreign affairs, as KKK is again well and controlling the government. It is said that the Dutch Boy (known to many as Super Lover) has been sent to England to work out something between him and the Queen of England.

WARSAW (BALLS): Today Karlos Kotexya the Kind made a national broadcast, he picked Miss Boom Bomm, for the part of Gloria in the film Boria. It is said that Miss Boom Bomm is well qualified for this part. Some of the figures that we have on her are: 58-30-46, 6'3", 185, XC-234-564 & 7th 88th st. Moscow, that is some broadcast.

MOSCOW (GOLLY): It has been announced today that the Dutch Boy (loved by all and known to all he loves as Super Lover) is beening sent to England to work something out between the two warring countries. "This mission will not be easy, and I really don't expect too much out of this trip. I'm taking my partner Glue to talk to sir Lipton the Lippy.

MOSCOW (GOLLY): Fearless Lover returns! At the port of No-Return, Dutchie and Glue came back from their trip to England, and here is what they had too say. "Well the Queen and I got along very well. You might say that we were very close very often. I did come away with more than what I thought I'd get from her." Said the Dutch. Glue then told of his experience with Sir Lipton the Lippy. "He is like the Tea bag that he invented. Everything went in one ear and out the other, you might say that he had a blow through brain, or a flow through ears or something like that."

WALLAWALLAWAY (GOODNESS): Hornj the Horny and KKK meet today to decide the future of the worlds that they both love and fight for. The child of KKK and being reared by Hornj will rule both worlds when the two should die. It is known that the Coar likes his sleep more than what Hornj and his crowd does. They both agreed that the only way that this can happen is that their be more noise for a short time as they will unite and destroy the real noise makers and then in a few years both worlds will be ruled by one ruler, the child of both rulers now.

JUKA, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): The Casr of Russia, who is now touring the Inner Crust of the Earth under the protective custody of Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, was formally initiated into the Jukan tribe. The Jukans, as they performed their quaint tribal dances, admitted that the Casr might have been a born member of the tribe, so nearly did he resemble them. For the meaning of this cryptic statement, the Emperoar referred reporters to the writings of the eminent Outer Crust anthropologist Edgar Rice Boresus, whose exhaustive (or possibly "exhausting"; His Inferial Majesty spoke indistinctly) study of the peoples of Pollutidar is a basic reference work.

"Next," said the Emperoar, "I am going to have the Casr adopted by the Azarian tribe. I am sure he will enjoy taking part in one of their ceremonial feasts, and will be heartily welcomed into the midst of that tribe."

Y PHUMPA (GOLLY): Why? because we like you.

E PHUNPHA (GOLLY): It has arisen, with in the ranks of the armies of Goon Lippy the Lipless, that they all want to Goon home.

U PHUMPHA (GOLLY): Lipless the Speechless today announced that all he needed was an egghead on his side and he would have all the freaks in the world on his side. "I mean the two of us would combine all the things that freaks normally have" Lippy was quoted as having said.

1970BN - PRESS RELEASES

ISSHEMEAL-GAKA: Our friends have gotten the key back and are again on their way. This time they sight A great cloud over some mountains.

"Let us journey towards those mountains" says Hasha.

"yes Let's go" speaks up Aqualug "It seems so much cooler under those clouds over there."

"Very good" says Hasha "you head the way"

"Oh No, you head the way"

"But I couldn't"

"Then Let us start together"

"Very good. 1, 2, 3, go"

And so our heroes start out towards the mountains under the hot sun. One must remember that they must deposit the key somewhere in some mountains. Could these be the right mountains?

SCREWLA: Lourie Lowly today Announced today victory over the Harem girls. As head of WLW (warm Loving wives) she said that the husbands where coming back to the wives.

"All they want is A Little tenderness instead of sex" She said. "See we have more to offer than the harem girls. At heart we do the cooking for them."

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: SEXIE SADIE THE SADIST today announced that Louries victory claim was false.

"We have sent home All the bad one but have kept All the good ones far no. I do wish Hasha would come back again he was soooo good!"

1971EB - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: While the French Government deplores the unprovoked English attack on Russia, we realize that England was going to turn on Russia or us (possibly both), and we are relieved to see that we have a few more years of grace before we too go down the tubes.

BREST: The Admiralty admitted that France would be powerless to prevent an English conquest of France, but they added "In weakness there is strength. Since we cannot interfere with the ultimate English victory, perhaps the English will let us live to a ripe old and respectable age."

VIENNA: Q: Who remembers treachery?

A: The Austrian Emperor!

Q: Who first attacked his neighbor?

A: The Italians!

Q: Who must pay?

A: Alas, all of us - but FIRST the Italians.

1972A - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: The Prime Minister wishes to apologize to the Tsar of Russia for the attack on St. Petersburg. He hopes that this will not take England off the Tsar's list of "Unfriendlylies" and place on the list of "Enemies". Chanting "We needed the Builds!!!" the Prime Minister terminates the discussion of the topic.

LONDON: The Prime Minister also wishes to apologize to the Germans for not supporting them into Belgium. The risk of losing Norway was too great. He ends this discussion saying, "Maybe next season."

ROME: Unfortunate that such great pressures were placed upon us by the Austrians, in
(continued on p. 20)

WHEN IS A CONVOY NOT A CONVOY?

A couple of inquiries have recently come in, whose basic point is whether an unsuccessful convoy is an attack. Buddy Tretick asks: "How would you rule: if I convoy A Edi-Nwy via Nth and F Nth is dislodged? Does the move still stand off Russian A St.P-Nwy?" And David Cressey presents the following set of moves:

ITALY: A Tun-Rom; F Tyr C A Tun-Rom; A Apu S A Tun-Rom.

FRANCE: F Lyc-Tyr; F Rom S F Lyc-Tyr.

TURKEY: F Ion-Tyr; F Nap S F Ion-Tyr.

The former problem revolves around whether England has attacked Norway. The 1971 rulebook is quite clear on this point. "If a fleet ordered to convoy is dislodged during the move, the army to be convoyed remains in its original province and has no effect on the province to which it was ordered." Accordingly the Russian move succeeds. The reference is to the 1971 Rulebook, Section XII, Paragraph 3.

The latter case, while more complicated, is related to situations like that in Paragraph 5 of the same section. This rule states "If a convoyed army attacks a fleet which is supporting a fleet which is attacking one of the convoying fleet, that support is not cut." As applied here, the convoyed army (A Tun) attacks a fleet (F Rom) which is supporting a fleet (F Lyc) which is attacking one of the convoying fleets (F Tyr). Accordingly that support is not cut, and the following adjudication would result, with impossible moves underlined:

ITALY: A Tun-Rom; F Tyr C A Tun-Rom; A Apu S A Tun-Rom.

FRANCE: F Lyc-Tyr; F Rom S F Lyc-Tyr.

TURKEY: F Ion-Tyr; F Nap S F Ion-Tyr.

The French F Rom is dislodged. The convoy takes place, since the French F Tyr was not dislodged owing to a Turco-Italian standoff. This special rule produces an unusual situation where a unit is dislodged though its support is not cut.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

STAN WROBEL; 7 Poland Village Blvd., Poland, Ohio 44514 ((24 Oct. 1971)): As belles-lettres, GRAUSTARK is certainly commendable; I must admit to not agreeing with you on all articles and opinions. I would imagine that is a natural reaction you have incurred before.

...I am including for your inspection a bombastic report on one of Tretick's games that I am playing in. ((These matters have been handled in previous issues under the heading "The Rip-Off Roll", in which players are warned against such dishonest or unscrupulous Gamesmasters such as Buddy Tretick, Larry Peery, Scott Hankin, and Gary Jones.)) I had previously sent a copy to John Beshara. I would hope that you would not take personal offense about this matter. I refuse to be drawn into any of the arguments for or against The Diplomacy Association. I will however not flinch from blasting someone if he is wrong and I am aware of it. Tretick is wrong in this case. One, he has never sent me house rules. Two, it is against all tenets of postal Diplomacy to call for resubmission of moves after a deadline date had been previously announced. Someone else might say that Tretick could control the game in favor of his 'friends' by allowing such resubmission. I am not saying that he did so here. The possibility is there. At any rate if he can call on me to resubmit, he could call on his friends to do so in the same breath. This is why I refused to resubmit. If he did not receive my original orders he has no right to call on me to send them over again. Thirdly, he runs a sloppy magazine I think. Compare it to your own and you will have to agree a little....

((I think you are wrong in this assumption. To imply that Tretick would slant his games in favor of his friends, implies in turn that Tretick has friends. I do not regard this assumption as justified.

((Some people have assumed that I, or that The Diplomacy Association, defend Tretick's low standards of performance and ethics. This is completely untrue. I have condemned them numerous times. Allegations to the contrary seem ultimately traceable to Rod Walker, who dislikes The Diplomacy Association and dislikes Tretick and apparently likes to tie up all his hatreds in one big bundle.))

LARRY BLANDIN, c/o Niemeyer, 3330 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60657: The GRAUSTARK deadline is Saturday Noon, E. S. T. Does your Saturday mail delivery come before or

fter noon?

((It has been known to vary anywhere between 10 AM and 3 PM. But fear not. The pages containing the adjudications never go to press until after the Saturday mail arrives, no matter how long it takes.))

...There is to be a Diplomacy convention in Chicago this summer. Apparently it will be national in scope and I have heard that Allan Calhamer will be there. Is there any chance that you, Mr. Beshara, or Mr. Miller might be there? Or better yet, all three of you?

...I have been approached to work on the convention. I would like to see that it becomes a truly national convention and would like to further that effort. Any ideas?

((I'm not sure yet of my travel plans, but would like to attend. People with suggestions should write Blandin.))

MITCHELL and ANITA BAILEY, 3944 Vantage Avenue, Studio City, Calif. 91604 ((26 March 1972)): After reading your complimentary issue of GRAUSTARK, #260, we were captivated by the whole cult anew. Is Bob Strayer (Italy in 1972E) being considered for a Pulitzer Prize for his press releases? He should be. What Rod Walker described as the "Hysterical Left" orientation of the 'zine is right in there as far as we are concerned.

ROBERT BRYAN LIPTON, 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N. Y. 11598 ((28 March 1972)): Here's a stalemate position in 14 units:

Supply centers: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War.
Positions: F Nat, F Iri, F Eng, F Lon (or F Wal, F Nth), A or F Bel, A or F Hol, A Ruh, A Mun, A Kie (or A Ber), A Sil, A Pru (or A Ber), A War, A Ukr, A Mos.
Moves: F Nat holds; F Iri S F Eng; F Eng holds; F Lon (or F Wal, F Nth) S F Eng; A or F Bel holds; A or F Hol S A or F Bel; A Ruh & A Kie (or A Ber) S A Mun; A Sil holds; A Pru (or A Ber) S A Sil; A Ukr holds; A Mos & A War S A Ukr.

The juggling behind the front line does not actually affect the positioning, and I believe that there are no other variations without control of France and Portugal. It's interesting for the players who believe that the best offense is a defense, at least when practical. (I always try to move so that a stalemate position is reachable. If you can get into it, and wait, the other players may start fighting among themselves.)

ROD WALKER, 4719 Felton St., San Diego, Calif. 92116 ((29 February 1972)): I was amazed when, in GRAUSTARK #243, you published a letter of mine which was five years old. I was even more amazed when Jerry Model bothered to reply to it ((in GRAUSTARK #259)). I should have thought Jerry had subscribed to GRAUSTARK long enough to know that I have rethought my position on the Vietnam thing long since. This is on the basis of my study of Southeast Asian history, which was instructive, to say the least. ((Walker's problem here is the same as that of many politicians. Basically it is, "If I maintain the same position on Vietnam which I maintained five years ago, swimming with the 'mainstream', I will look like an utter idiot. Now how do I get out of it?")) At the time of the Chou Dynasty, some 3000 years ago, the Viet people lived in a great arc along the coastal region of China, from north of modern Shanghai to well east and south of modern Canton. They were gradually driven south by the successive stages of the Han (language, not dynasty) conquest until their homeland was restricted to the delta of the Red River. Their capital was at Giachoi, which the Chinese called Chiao-chih, and which is today called Hanoi. This area was repeatedly subjected by China, only to be liberated by various nationalist uprisings. The Viets spread southward, of course, conquering Champa in the 15th Century and colonizing the Mekong delta in the 16th. What we call "South Vietnam" ("South-south-Viet") is a mere colonial appanage of the real Vietnam. ((Or of the United States of America, as has been openly confessed by the U. S. Army itself.))

Given this historical background, we should expect that Vietnam will not accept Chinese tutelage if they can avoid it. The facts that Vietnam and China are neighbors, and share a common ideology are hardly excuses for them to get along. The same can be said of France and Germany since 843, and we know how well they got along. ((This conveniently omits the fact that every Franco-German clash since the Reformation has had a strong element of ideological enmity.)) The US should have capitalized on this by allying with Ho Chi Minh. Vietnam and Thailand are the great bulwarks against Chinese expansion southward. Supporting them, allowing them jointly to subjugate (or at least control) the feeble Lao and Khmer ((Cambodian)) states which lie between them, will allow us to frustrate Chinese designs for decades. This can still be done, but it will take some time to patch things

up with the Vlets.

Race wars are for children. The appeal of race prejudice is a convenient propaganda device, just as is the appeal to ideological heresy. However, it is silly for those who make policy to respond to such appeals. Why anyone should want to defoliate the Rheinland I don't know. It is not a tropical forest, after all. But if it ever had to be done, I don't see any more objection to doing it than the same act in Vietnam (the real question is, does defoliation really have military significance? I am not at all convinced.)

((Richard Nixon is. You don't have to be.))

I don't remember saying that the country would be in danger if certain secrets were revealed ~~for any~~ secrets. It is pretty obvious Jerry does not appreciate the complexities of diplomacy. It is absolutely essential that our real foreign policy concerns and motivations not be made public. This is both because they might be embarrassing in our relations with some states and because it is much easier to thwart our designs if it is known what we are aiming at.

To give an example, our military intervention in Siberia in 1918 was publically justified on certain (irrelevant) grounds, the usual sort of Wilsonian humanitarian stuff plus the need to protect Allied military stores from nonexistent Austro-Germans. Soviet historiography, along with some American historians who can't read (apparently) talk about an anti-Bolshevik crusade. The real reason we sent troops to Siberia was that we knew Japan and England were going to do so anyway, and we wished to prevent them from cutting up Russia. We could hardly let that out, could we? Not only were England and Japan our WWI allies, they had a naval alliance on the Pacific. Had we allowed our true motivations to get out, we would have been faced with a postwar coalition against us. As it was, tensions were such that war nearly did break out between us and the English (plus Japan). The danger was averted by the Washington Naval Treaty and the break-up of the Anglo-Japanese entente. War would have been much more likely if it got out that we considered English and Japanese expansionism only slightly less an enemy of Western civilization than German expansionism. That's what I mean by secrets, and they are best left in Washington. Twenty-five years from now, historians can exhume them without, hopefully, setting too many teeth on edge.

((Hands up, everyone out there who thinks that Japan and Great Britain would have jumped the United States in, say, 1920.

((Actually, the only role of "Wilsonian humanitarianism" in the American invasion of Siberia was to save the Russian people from the "Bolshevik menace" and deliver them over to sweet little Tsarists like Kolchak and Ungarn-Sternberg. Look at the line of bullshit Wilson's Attorney-General Mitchell Palmer was laying out about this, or the anti-Bolshevik line being pushed by almost every newspaper in the country. Sayers & Kahn's The Great Conspiracy and Carr's The Bolshevik Revolution are valuable antidotes for the junk which is usually retailed about this tumultuous period in Russian history.))

As to Bengal: The unification of Bengal and its seizure of the nearby Singbhum iron deposits is something others are interested in besides ourselves. We can sit back and let nature take its course. Besides, if the Bengali don't get Singbhum, we can still buy the ore from India.

I suppose that every trading nation seeks to expand and secure its trade at the expense of its competitors. I am glad you have so noted. The lesson to be learned here is that a nation's international economic activity does not change, regardless of its internal economic, social, or political systems. Cut-throat economic competition is a fact of life, and can only be controlled by international agencies.

((If it stayed in the economic sphere, fine. But invariably the loser considers that a suitable application of military force will regain his position, or the winner believes that only military force will preserve it.))

Whether you like it or not, there is going to be a Sino-Soviet war. It will happen when each is convinced it can win and when each is convinced we won't intervene on the side of the other. (If we are viewed as a common enemy, they may come after us before settling accounts with each other.) In other words, attempting to prevent such a war will only place us in danger of becoming the alternative victim of each side. Therefore, we had best relax and enjoy it, since the loser will turn to us for aid and comfort (at a price, of course), and the winner will be so busy trying (and ultimately failing) to hold

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BOOK REVIEW

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MILITARY HISTORY by R. Ernest Dupuy and Trevor N. Dupuy (Harper & Row, 1970, \$20.00). Reviewed by Kenneth Scher

This is a remarkable book. Starting in 3500 BC and extending to about 1965 AD, the authors have managed to cover campaigns and battles from all parts of the world, each separate region getting its own section as its military history becomes distinct. As a matter of fact, despite the fact that many campaigns are skimmed, there is so much information that, unless you have a pretty good idea of where and when whatever you're looking for happened, you may never find it, despite the nearly 150 pages of indices ("General", "Battles & Sieges", and "Wars"). The layout of the book is partially helpful, and partially hindering, the time divisions being according to periods important in Western military history, and though this is sometimes a convenience, if you are trying to get details on Chinese or Cambodian military campaigns it can be a damned nuisance. As I mentioned above, many campaigns are skimmed, and this too is a nuisance since the choice of battles to be discussed in detail (not to mention their historical backgrounds) sometimes appears completely arbitrary. There are numerous maps and illustrations of weapons, armor, and siege equipment; unfortunately, the maps are rather poorly reproduced, and differentiations of shading (which are very common) are often almost completely faded out, while illos of ancient war apparatus are too often reproductions of medieval misconceptions based on skimpy descriptions. Don't get me wrong, it is a great book (where else would I have heard of a 3rd century Han prince that ended up holding Armenia down on behalf of the Parthian Emperor?) -- but it is flawed.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Peter Yaspan and his spherical chess game have been making appearances recently at science-fiction conventions in the New York area. Last weekend at the Lunacon he announced that the First Spherical Chess Tournament will take place from 1 to 4 PM in the Campus Center Lounge of Queensborough Community College. Proceedings will begin with a brief explanation of the game by Yaspan. For further information contact the Office of College Relations, Queensborough Community College, 56th Avenue and Springfield Blvd., Bayside, N. Y. 11364; phone (212) 631-6281 or -6282 or -6283.

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A number of new Diplomacy publications have come this way recently, and GRAUSTARK hereby opens trade relations with them. They are:

Ethil the Frog, John Piggott, Jesus College, Cambridge CB5 8BL, England. The first game has just begun, and the Gamesmaster is recruiting more for the cost of subscriptions alone. Subscriptions in England are 20 for £1.00, with an additional fee of 25p per game beyond the first one. No price is given for overseas subscriptions.

En Passant, Greg Warden, 4500 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn. 19139 has game openings at \$4.00. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.50. Warden is going in heavily for limericks; there are eight in #22.

Impassable, John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, Penn. 17013 has games at \$5.00 provided you fill out an application form available from the Gamesmaster. Subscriptions will be 6 issues for 50¢ until the end of this month, and will then rise. Boyer also predicts that the Athletics will take this year's series from Cincinnati, and that this time George Wallace will win the Nixonhumphreywallace Look-Alike Contest.

Definitely disrecommended are Buddy Tretick's La Guerre and Herb Barents' BOAST, the latter being an acronym for the appropriate name "Bottom Of A Sewer Tank". Tretick claims to be starting more games, apparently believing that there are still a few neos who don't know that he is totally unreliable. He also has a new address: P. O. Box 34046, Bethesda, Md. 20034. His present telephone number ceases to be valid on 12 April. BOAST is almost as totally bad as Dr. Johnson's saddle of mutton, though it may be argued as to whether Rod Walker's solemnly portentous prose style may not be improved by being filtered through Barents' abominable typing and dittography.

For what it may be worth, Tretick recommends a new 'zine Carbon 13, published by Fred C. Winter, 2625 El Rancho Drive, Brookfield, Wisc. 53005. The game fee is \$3.00, with

\$1.00 refunded if you finish the game.

Marcus, Mark Weidmark, 528 Park Crescent, Pickering, Ontario is offering games at \$4.00, with reductions for additional games or if you belong to some organization or other. Subscriptions are 10 for \$1.50.

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Owing to various peculiar things that the stock market is doing, John Beshara has been forced into mundane activities. This is why play in 1971BG is in a temporary hiatus. Moreover, Earl Hodin, playing England in that game, seems to have dropped clean out of sight. Under these circumstances I'd have long ago roped in a substitute, but Beshara is more soft-hearted. Further details will be reported when they are available.

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Diplomacy, in case you haven't heard, was invented by Allan B. Calhamer and is manufactured by Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass. 02118. Its list price is \$8.00 and it is available in the more fully stocked toy and game stores or can be obtained from the manufacturer.

New York residents can get their best deal on games from Spiegel's, on the corner of Nassau and Ann Streets in lower Manhattan. Just about every board game can be bought there at 12% off.

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Brenton Ver Ploeg's Platypus Pie has quickly moved to the front rank of postal Diplomacy publications, and is 8 issues for \$1.00 from him at Apt. 202, 520 Parker Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94118. He is opening new games for a fee of \$5.50, and among these is a game limited to new players. EP #4 also contains useful information on how to report to the Internal Revenue service the asshole who is currently sending chain letters through postal Diplomacy fandom. Some of his ill-gotten gains can become your ill-gotten gains!

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Strategy & Tactics has changed its address to 44 E. 23rd St., New York, N. Y. 10010. Contact Al Nofi at that address for information about open-house game sessions there.

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Several issues ago in a "Rip-Off Roll" column Chuck Vest complained that Jeff Key was not refunding game fees. On 30 March he wrote: "Key offered to refund that old game fee if I wanted it. I told him I did, but almost 6 months later I have not received it!" Be warned.

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Erehwon #66 relates another episode in the continuing saga of Rod Walker and His Own Personal Diplomacy Association. Those interested in ancient history may recall that Walker and Larry Peery once tried to lead a secession from The Diplomacy Association, once their effort to seize it failed. Now this rump organization is in further turmoil, left buttock against right buttock.

Meanwhile, The Diplomacy Association, accept no substitutes, is still in business under the chairmanship of John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023. Membership is \$1, and will include all 3 issues thus far published of TDA's organ Wazir. Members get information on new games and other helpful assistance.

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on to his gains that he will be no particular threat. Of course, it will be essential to insure the war doesn't last more than about 3-5 years, since there will be the danger of the rise of a Schumpeterian military caste which will then seek war with us, regardless of how unrealistic it might be. These are the shadows of things to come. That they are what they are, do not blame me. Our task is to turn what must be to our benefit. Otherwise, what good it is knowing what will happen? (I concede, by the way, the small possibility this war, and all major wars, can be prevented. This avenue should be explored, of course. But I am not very sanguine about its success.) ((Sanguinary, maybe, but not sanguine.))

Robert Lipton's notion of state organization in Roman and Islamic times ('Umayyad or 'Abbasid, I presume) must be based on movies like "Fall of the Roman Empire". Loose semi-feudal structuring did of course occur in these states during their decline, but at other times, given the limitations imposed on society until the last century, they were highly centralized, and rigidly organized.

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the form of that new army in Vienna. Now, we must defend ourselves. The following moves will do nicely. TURKEY: A Rum-Bud; A Bul-Ser; RUSSIA: A Ukr-Gal; ITALY: A Ven S A Tri.

1971EE - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: Noting its success last year, Punch announced the beginning of the second annual "Tella Hun Joke" Contest.

LONDON: His Majesty's Government announced the withdrawal of British troops from Norway as part of a general Scandinavian demilitarization agreement with Russia. Later that day, in a public address, the Foreign Minister declared that Anglo-French friendship was as strong as ever, despite rumors to the contrary being spread by what the Minister termed "Eastern interlopers".

DOVER: Refugees from Holland who have swum the North Sea by moonlight to escape the brutal rule of Germany over that captive nation have brought with them reports of growing insurrection against the invaders from Berlin. According to latest information, a rebel government has proclaimed a new state of Bangla Dutch. Observers are confused as to the meaning of the name used by the rebels. Some authorities believe it may be related to the archaic Flemish saying "Bangla Deutsch", which means "Screw all Germans".

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 "This columnist has his own scenario for the end of the Vietnamese war. The present desultory fighting, with the usual amount of lies and atrocities, is apparently going to be with us for some time... Eventually a competent Vietnamese commander with experienced men will launch a probing attack against an American position held by a cowardly officer commanding demoralized or green troops. Weather and other chance factors will further facilitate his attack. The defense will break, and the Vietnamese will overrun an important position. It will happen, eventually, that a sizable number of other Vietnamese troops will be able to move in behind such an advance. An important post on the route to Saigon will fall, then another. ... One morning the American people will wake up to hear on their radios and television sets that Saigon has fallen, that Tansonnhut airbase and Camranh Bay are in Vietnamese hands, and that the war their politicians were telling them was winnable has just been lost." - John Boardman, Kippie #170, 21 August 1969
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